

Kāwhia Community Board

MINUTES

25 FEBRUARY 2022

1PM

Members of the Kāwhia Community Board

Board Member DM Walsh (Chair)

Board Member K Briggs

Board Member G Good

Board Member H Whiu

Councillor C Jeffries

Meeting Secretary: Ms K King (Governance Manager)

KAWHIA COMMUNITY BOARD

25 FEBRUARY 2022

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Kāwhia Community Board was held via Zoom on Friday, 25 February 2022 commencing at 1pm.

Tanya Winter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

PRESENT

IN ATTENDANCE

APOLOGIES

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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PRESENT

Chairperson DM Walsh, Board Member K Briggs, Board Member G Good, Board Member H Whiu, Councillor C Jeffries.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Loe (Group Manager Regulatory & Growth), N Gower (Group Manager Strategy & Community), G Bunn (Group Manager Business Enablement), M Lewis (Group Manager Engineering & Assets), B O'Callaghan (Manager Finance), R McNeil (Strategic Advisor), A Senger (Manager Roothing), H Taylor (Manager Libraries) and K King (Governance Manager).

Chairperson Walsh declared the meeting open.

APOLOGY

All members were present however an apology for nonattendance was received from Tanya Winter, Chief Executive.

Chairperson Walsh | Board Member Briggs

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No declarations of conflicts of interest were received.

PUBLIC FORM

No members of the public had requested to be heard.

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Resolved: That the Kāwhia Community Board confirm the minutes of its meeting held on 17 December 2021.

Councillor Jeffries | Board Member Good

Members noted the Maritime Education day held on 3 January by the Waikato Regional Council was very successful.

ITEM 66: CHAIRPERSON'S VERBAL REPORT

Chairperson Walsh advised a number of planned activities had been cancelled due to COVID whilst others were reduced in size.

Resolved: That the Kāwhia Community Board receive the verbal update provided to the meeting by Chairperson Walsh.

Councillor Jeffries | Board Member Briggs

ITEM 67: TRAFFIC CALMING IN MORRISON ROAD, AOTEA VILLAGE

Council's Roothing Manager provided an outline of the background of the request by the Aotea Ratepayers Association and the rationale for the proposed speed hump. Members spoke in support of the proposal and thanked staff for working with the community to obtain an appropriate solution.

Resolved:

That:

a The report from Andreas Senger, Roothing Manager be received.

- b The Kāwhia Community Board support the installation of a prefabricated speed hump on Morrison Road before of the Lawton Drive intersection to improve road safety for both residents and motorists in Aotea Village at a cost of an estimated \$3,500.00 excluding GST from the subsidised Low Cost/Low Risk approved funding for safety improvements.

Chairperson Walsh | Board Member Briggs

ITEM 68: KAWHIA WATER SUPPLY

Council's Group Manager Engineering and Assets spoke to the report highlighting the water shortage during the holiday period and the mitigation measures implemented and pending. In response to a query Mr Lewis confirmed the decommissioned clarifier tank at the water treatment plant was brought back into use to provide additional storage. This tank was intended to be reused at another site but would now be kept in Kāwhia as a backup for future summer holiday periods.

Members provided staff with several properties where water was observed trickling down drains which need investigating while noting these could be due to springs rather than leaks. Additionally, the tap being used by kids at the end of the wharf and was running almost continually through the day. Staff will investigate options for the tap and for the high water use due to operators connecting water blasters to wash their boats while tied up at the wharf during the high water demand period.

Members discussed climate change implications, including the reducing water source, and the possibility of subsidies for existing houses to install water tanks as currently there is no assistance available.

In response to a query, Mr Lewis confirmed the cost of the water trucks would be allocated to the Kāwhia water account.

Resolved: That the report from the Group Manager Engineering and Assets be received.

Chairperson Walsh | Board Member Whiu

ITEM 69: ROUTINE BUILDING CONTROL ACTIVITY REPORT

Council's Group Manager Regulatory and Growth took the item as read. In response to a query, Mr Loe advised the Waikeria Prison construction workforce had reduced from approximately 1,000 to around 650 staff. Members acknowledged the recent re-accreditation and the improving staff capability.

Resolved: That the Building Control activity report for the last quarter of 2021 be received.

Chairperson Walsh | Board Member Whiu

ITEM 70: ROUTINE DISTRICT LIBRARY REPORT

Council's Library Manager noted the COVID lockdowns resulted in the closure of the Kāwhia library for extended time. Ms Taylor outlined the 'click and collect' service introduced from the Ōtorohanga Library which covered both the Ōtorohanga and Kāwhia communities. Under the service 68 books were sent to the Kāwhia community. The Kāwhia Library was now open for contactless service however this was currently under review. Ms Taylor noted the WIFI figures in the report for Kāwhia were incorrect with the correct figure being 6,578.

In response to a query, Ms Taylor advised of the 40 children who took part in the holiday programme, ten percent were from the Kāwhia area.

Resolved: That the Library Manager's quarterly report be received.

Councillor Jeffries | Board Member Briggs

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

- Board Member Briggs advised of his involvement during the water supply shortage over the holiday period.

- Board Member Whiu provided history walks over the holiday period to increase knowledge of the area.
- Board Member Good commented on the increasing number of wandering stock. In response to a query, Council's Group Manager Regulatory and Growth advised the SPCA were aware of a particular property. Mr Good thanked Council for the replacement young child swing seat following an incident where a 12 year old needed to be cut out of the swing seat. He also noted the cameras were installed and working at the playground. Mr Good noted several visits were required from the Rescue Helicopter which needed to hover to clear debris from the landing site prior to setting down. He queried if a landing pad needed to be constructed. The site is owned by a family trust rather than Council.
- Councillor Jeffries attended a strategic workshop of Te Taiao o Kāwhia Moana on 10 February and a meeting of the Kawhia Moana Hub on 24 February. Mr Jeffries advised the continuation of seal extensions was discussed at the recent Council meeting and Council reaffirmed its decision to continue with the seal extension programme albeit with a limited budget. He noted Short Street in Kawhia was included for sealing in 2022. Mr Jeffries advised there were minor incidents with Freedom Campers over the holiday period including the lighting of fires in the Tom French Reserve car park.
- Chairperson Walsh commented on the kids jumping off the building at the wharf. They are bringing ladders to assist with climbing onto the roof. This is a health and safety matter. Mr Walsh has received emails wanting extra signage regarding kids crossing installed at Okapu. Council's Group Manager Engineering and Assets indicated no staff opposition and signage could be installed on the unsealed section of Aotea Road as part of other upgrades for safety on Morrison and Aotea roads.
- In response to a query, Councillor Jeffries advised an offer was made by a local resident to provide some new playground equipment. Staff are liaising with the resident to discuss further.
- In response to a request for any projects to be considered for the draft Annual Plan, several members requested increased maintenance for Kaora Track. This popular pedestrian track's harbour views are being restricted by the wattle and privet trees. Likewise, below Kaora Street from the public toilet to the first of the historic Pohutukawa trees is also becoming overgrown from wattle and privet. The entrance to the town has blackberry and ivy which also needs to be removed.
- In response to a query, Council's Strategic Advisor advised a report was being developed on the scope and timing of the proposed Kawhia Community Plan.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2.30pm.